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USS JOSEPH P. KELLY

(DD-550)

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CUBAN QUARANTINE

REPORT OF VISIT TO
26 OCTOBER 1962
WAS BOARDING OFFICER
WHICH WENT SMOOTHLY AND
DESIRABLE INCIDENTS.

OF SS MARUCLA
REYNOLDS, USN
IS OPERATION
WITHOUT ANY UN-

ENCLOSURES:

- BOARDING OFFICER'S REPORT
- SS MARUCLA CREW LIST
- SS MARUCLA CHARTER
- SS MARUCLA CARGO manifest
- SS MARUCLA PARCEL LIST
- MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
- DESDIV 302 MESSAGE



U. S. S. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. (DD-850)

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From: Commanding Officer, USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. (DD 850)
To: Commander U.S. SECOND FLEET
Via: Commander Destroyer Division 102

Subj: Visit and Search of SS MARUCLA on 26 October 1962; report of
Encl: (1) Boarding officer's report with enclosures thereto

1. USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. (DD 850) was directed to intercept the SS MARUCLA by Commander Task Force 136. A rendezvous was effected with USS JOHN R. PIERCE (DD 753) and the MARUCLA was intercepted at first light on 26 October 1962. The vessel was visited, searched, and subsequently cleared to proceed. Paragraph (2) below outlines a chronological sequence of events. Enclosure (1) is the Boarding Officer's report and recounts in detail the actual activities of the Visit and Search Party on board.

2. SS MARUCLA, Beirut, Lebanon enroute Havana, Cuba via Providence Channel and Straits of Florida:

0600 KENNEDY broke flaghoist signal: CODE OSCAR NOVEMBER
0610 KENNEDY sent by flashing light: REQUEST YOU STOP
0615 KENNEDY sent by flashing light: I INTEND TO BOARD YOU, REQUEST YOU ADVISE WHEN YOUR SEA LAUNDER IS READY
0630 SS MARUCLA sent: WE ARE READY TO RECEIVE YOU
0632 KENNEDY Visit and Search Party left for USS PIERCE
0635 SS MARUCLA flying: CODE ANSWERING SIGNAL
KENNEDY hauled down: CODE OSCAR NOVEMBER
0642 LCDR D.G. OSBORNE, Executive Officer from USS PIERCE boarded KENNEDY's whaleboat as member of Boarding Party - whaleboat proceeding to SS MARUCLA
0647 Whaleboat commenced circling the SS MARUCLA
0651 Visit and Search Party commenced boarding SS MARUCLA - portside
0654 Whaleboat departed SS MARUCLA - standing off
0900 Boarding Officer briefs COMMSDIV 102 and Commanding Officer, USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. over portable radio and recommends vessel clearance to proceed
0910 SS MARUCLA cleared to proceed however, surveillance maintained pending further instructions from Task Force Commander
0915 Boarding Party departing SS MARUCLA
0925 Boarding Party returned on board KENNEDY for debriefing
1015 Executive Officer PIERCE departs ship via whaleboat
1030 Whaleboat returns to ship
1235 Surveillance terminated as directed by Task Force Commander
KENNEDY returning to assigned station

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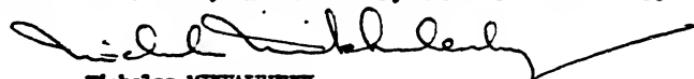
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3. Visit and Search Party was not armed nor were any small arms in the whale-boat. The USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. was close aboard on the SS MARUCIA's port quarter during the visit and was at general quarters. The USS PIERCE was on the merchant ship's starboard quarter. The ship was in continuous communications with the Visit and Search Party via portable radio.
4. The entire operation went smoothly and without any undesirable incidents.



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